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Shenbagavalli dam, Sankarankoil taluk.

* 195 *Q.*—SRI K. T. KOSALRAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have completed the investigation of Shenbagavalli dam in Sankarankoil taluk; and

(*b*) if so, when the scheme will be executed?

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI:—" (*a*) Yes.

" (*b*) The matter is under consideration."

SRI K. T. KOSALRAM:—" What is the estimated cost of the scheme? "

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI:—" The estimated cost of the scheme is Rs. 7,300."

SRI S. VEMIAH:—" May I know, what is the production that is contemplated under the scheme? "

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI:—" I want notice, Sir."

SRI C. V. K. RAO:—" Will the Hon. the Minister be pleased to tell us, how much time it will take between the investigation of a scheme and the beginning of it? "

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI:—" The hon. Member should realise that it depends on the nature of each case. I cannot give a general answer."

Veterinary Hospital in Munagala Paragana.

* 196 *Q.*—SRI PILLALAMARRI VENKATESWARLU: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state whether there is any Veterinary Hospital in Munagala Paragana?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY (on behalf of the Hon. Minister for Agriculture):—" No, Sir."

SRI PILLALAMARRI VENKATESWARLU:—" In view of the fact that there are no veterinary hospitals near Munagala Paragana—within a radius of 20 to 30 miles—and also in view of the fact that it is an enclave of our State, will the Government start one veterinary hospital in Munagala Paragana? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY:—" The policy adopted with regard to the opening of veterinary institutions, is to open such institutions where there is real need for veterinary aid and where contributions are forthcoming either from local bodies or from the public of the locality towards recurring and non-recurring expenditure. Contributions in the form of gifts or buildings or rent-free accommodation for locating such institutions are also accepted."

DR. K. B. MENON:—" Are the Government aware that the system of Touring Veterinary Assistants is not satisfactory as they do not visit villages even once a year. Have the Government any plan to make them stationary? "

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MR. SPEAKER :—" The main question is about the Veterinary Hospital in Munagala Paragana. The hon. Member may give notice of a fresh question."

Rural dispensaries.

197 *Q.*—SRI P. B. K. RAJACHIDAMBARAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of Rural Dispensaries (Indigenous and Allopathic) sanctioned for each of the districts of the State ;

(*b*) how many of them are kept closed ; and

(*c*) whether representations have been received by the Government to enhance the subsidy paid to the practitioners appointed to those dispensaries, and if so, what action has been taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) & (*b*) A statement [a] is placed on the table of the House.

" (*c*) Yes. The matter is under consideration of Government."

SRI P. B. K. RAJACHIDAMBARAM :—" Is it not a fact that the rate of subsidy given to these practitioners was not raised when the pay of other Government servants was raised recently? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The subsidy was enhanced with effect from 1st April 1949."

11 a.m. SRI K. C. GOPALAN UNNI :—" Sir, do the Government know that the rural dispensary at Alanallur in Walluvanad remains closed for so many years and that there is no doctor there? Will the Government enquire into it? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Several rural dispensaries remain closed to-day for want of doctors."

SRI VAVILALA GOPALAKRISHNAIAH :—" అచ్చంపేట లోకల్ డిస్పెన్సరీలో 9 నెలల నుంచి డాక్టరు లేనందువల్ల, రోగులు డిస్పెన్సరీకి వస్తూ వృథాగా వెనుకకు పోతున్నారనే సంగతి ప్రభుత్వమునకు తెలియచేసినప్పటికీ ప్రభుత్వము ఏమి చేసిందని అడుగుతున్నాను."

SRI T. NAGI REDDI :—" Sir, even when the Government have been informed that the people at Achampeta dispensary have been asked to go back without medicine being administered to them, no action has been taken by the Government. May I know whether any action has been taken in that matter? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" A separate question may be put."

SRI LAKSHMINARAYANA REDDI :—" Will the Hon. Minister be pleased to state how many applications for opening dispensaries received from various district boards are pending sanction of the Government? "

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[a] Printed as Appendix on page 223 infra.